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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice **of** Lodging **of** Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive
Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2008, a proposed Consent Decree ('`Taylor Borough Consent Decree'') in United States v. City **of** Scranton, Civil Action No. CV-86-1591 was lodged with the United States District Court for the Middle District **of** Pennsylvania.

On November 30, 1995, the United States obtained a judgment **of** \$1,838,579.70 plus interest for past costs against the City **of** Scranton ('`Scranton'' or the ``City'') and others pursuant to Section 107 **of** the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ('`CERCLA''), 42 U.S.C. 9607 for the City's involvement with The Taylor Borough Superfund Site ('`Site'') in Taylor Borough, Pennsylvania. The judgement was reduced to \$1,648,000 plus interest after one **of** the other liable parties paid \$190,778 to EPA in settlement. The City **of** Scranton has agreed to pay \$250,000 over 5 years (plus interest) and take over operation and maintenance at the site to resolve the United States' outstanding judgment. Among other things, the City **of** Scranton's agreement to assume operation and maintenance responsibilities at the Site requires them to maintain the landscape at the Site and conduct periodic backfilling and regrading as necessary.

The **Department of Justice** will receive for a period **of** thirty (30) days from the date **of** this publication comments relating to the Taylor Borough Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either e-mailed to pubcomment-ess.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. **Department of Justice**, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to United States v. City **of** Scranton, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-43/1.

The Taylor Borough Consent Decree may be examined at the Office **of** the United State Attorney, 235 N. Washington Ave., Suite 311, Scranton, PA 18503 and at U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029. During the public comment period, the Taylor Borough Consent Decree may also be examined on the following **Department of Justice** Web site, http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=linklog&to=http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html.

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copy **of** the Taylor Borough Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. **Department of**

Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount **of** \$38.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if by e-mail or fax, forward a check in that

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amount to the Consent Decree Library at the stated address. In requesting a copy exclusive **of** exhibits and defendants' signatures, please enclose a check in the amount **of** \$16.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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